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1. TORONTO GLOBE AND MAIL MAY 29 REPORTS THAT PAKISTANI FOREIGN MINISTER AZIZ AHMED MET WITH UNDERSECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS A.E. RITCHIE AND OTHER CANADIAN OFFICIALS ON MAY 28 TO APPEAL TO CANADA "TO TERMINATE ALL NUCLEAR AID TO INDIA."

2. MR. AHMED IS QUOTED AS SAYING "INDIA HAS EXPLODED WHAT IS EUPHEMISTICALLY CALLED A NUCLEAR DEVICE, BUT WHAT IS ACTUALLY A BOMB...RIGHT OUTSIDE OUR DOOR... IS THERE A WAY TO PREVENT HER FROM GOING ANY FURTHER?"

3. REFERRING TO CANADA'S STATEMENT OF MAY 22 (SEE REFTEL), MR. AHMED SAID "IT IS A GOOD STATEMENT AS FAR AS IT GOES" BUT PAKISTAN REMAINS UNCONVINCED OF INDIA'S PROFESSED GOOD INTENTIONS AND SEEKS ASSURANCE FROM CANADA... THAT PAKISTAN COULD HAVE SOME SAFEGUARDS AGAINST ATTACK. HE ALSO SAID THAT PAKISTAN DOES NOT INTEND TO FOLLOW INDIA'S EXAMPLE: " WE'VE BEEN WORKING UNDER COMPLETE SAFEGUARDS, THE KIND OF SAFEGUARDS INDIA REFUSED TO ACCEPT."

4. MEANWHILE, GENERAL PRESS COMMENT DIMINISHING SOMEWHAT ALTHOUGH IT CONTIUES TO BE HIGHLY CRITICAL OF INDIA'S ACTION. TYPICAL HEADLINES HAVE BEEN: "INDIA'S ATOMIC BOMB - BEST ANTI-BOMB ARGUMENTS ARE INDIA'S", "CANADA SHOULD LEAD WORLD OUTRAGE", "ALL POOR NATIONS MAY BE PENALIZED", AND "PM SAID INDIA IN BOMB CLUB." AT LEAST ONE ARTICLE, HOWEVER, HAS REPORTED FROM NEW DELHI THAT "THANKS TO BLAST- MRS. GANDHI REGAINS HER LOST POPULARITY." PORTER

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